certain genetic abnormalities and diseases and under certain specific circumstances;

(3) Such techniques will be c. .arrr-ed out only in genetic counselling cen ters, genetic laboratories and genetic clinics registered for the purpose. Existing institutions carrying out these lechniques will have to get registered within a specified time;

(4) Before a woman is subjected to pre-natal diagnostic procedures, her written, consent will have to be obtain ed after explaining to her the side and after effects of these procedures;

(5) A, Central Supervisory Board will be set up at the Central level to review implementation of this legis lation, to recommend changes in the Rules, and to create public awareness against the practice of female foeti cide. It will comprise 15 official and non-official members (including medi cal professionals and representatives of women welfare organisations) with the Minister in charge of Family Welfare;

(6) Appropriate Authorities will be appointed in the States/Union Territo ries with powers to grant registration, ensure compliance of the provisions of the legislation, lay down and enforce standards and investigate complaints into malpractices. The Appropriate Authorities would be assisted by Ad visory Committees comprising non-offi cials including social workers/represen tatives of Women's organisations.

(7) There wll be punishment for violation of the legislation for owners of centres, laboratories and clinics; the women undergoing such procedu res and members of her family and other persons connected with such vio lations. The offences punishable un der the legislation shall be cogniza ble, non-bailable and non-compound-able.

Opening of training schools for multi-purpose health workers

*513. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH! AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's cossideration to open new schools in Andhra Pradesh during Eighth Five Year Plan to train mauti-purpose Health workers MPW(M);

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if no, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI M. L. FOTEDAR-: (a) to (c) There is no poposal under consideration of Government for establishing new Male Multipurpose Health Workers' [MPW(M)] (Schools. MPW (M) are trained in (Health & Welfare Training Centres (IHFWTCs) as Well as in MPW (M) Schools. There are four HFWTCs and six MPW CM) Schools in Andhra Pradesh. These are sufficient for undertaking the training of MPW (M)s required toy the State Government.

Discovery of a protein for conAQaceptton

*514. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will She Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which, appeared in the Indian Express dated I4th July, 1992 regarding discovery and isolation of a protein by researchers at the Indian Institute of Science which could have vital applications in contraception;

(b) whether the research has also been conducted on the likely side-effects of the contraception; and

(C) whether any study has been conducted on the viability of its use by